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SUBJECT: VIRGIN ISLANDS FISHERIES

1. EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT A FISHERIES ISSUE HAS ARISEN
BETWEEN THE US AND UK IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS. BOTH THE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (BVI) AND THE US, FOR THE U.S.
VIRGIN ISLANDS (USVI), HAVE EXTENDED FISHERIES JURISDICTION
OUT TO 200 MILES. THESE ACTIONS RAISE QUESTIONS RE MARI-
TIME BOUNDARIES AND FISHING RIGHTS WHICH MUST BE SETTLED.

2. DEPT. HAS BEEN DISCUSSING PROBLEM, ALONG WITH DRAFT
AGREEMENT, WITH UK EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON,
AND DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN HELD IN VIRGIN ISLANDS
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BETWEEN USVI AND BVI GOVERNORS. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
GOVERNORS REVEALED SEVERAL PROBLEMS OF SUBSTANCE IN US-
PROPOSED FISHERIES AGREEMENT. IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO HOLD
MORE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US AND UK TO RESOLVE
DIFFERENCES. UK EMBASSY OFFICIALS AGREE, AND HAVE PROPOSED,
ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON, THAT SUCH TALKS BE HELD IN
TORTOLA, BVI.

3. DEPT. IS NOT IN FAVOR OF HOLDING DISCUSSIONS IN TORTOLA,
AND HAS EXPRESSED THIS TO UK EMBASSY. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO

APPROACH FONOFF OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS
QUESTION TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS IN FAVOR OF HOLDING
DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON: (A) DEPT. CONCERNED OVER ROLE
OF GOVERNORS IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH COULD BE COMPLICATED BY
VI NEGOTIATING SITE. AS DEPT. UNDERSTANDS IT, BVI
GOVERNOR IS BRITISH OFFICIAL WHO CAN SPEAK (AND HAS SPOKEN)
FOR UK IN NEGOTIATIONS; THIS IS NOT THE CASE FOR USVI
GOVERNOR, AND THERE ARE RATHER DELICATE POLITICAL
SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED. WE FEEL THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE
GREATLY ALLEVIATED IF NEGOTIATIONS HELD IN WASHINGTON
WITH US AND UK NEGOTIATORS; (B) PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS
HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD IN VIRGIN ISLANDS WITH GOVERNORS AS
PRINCIPLE SPOKESMEN, AND WE FEEL THAT TALKS HAVE PROGRESSED
AS FAR AS POSSIBLE USING THIS ROUTE. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT
MORE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW REQUIRED, AND WE FEEL THAT
WASHINGTON WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS PURPOSE;
(C) NEGOTIATIONS IN TORTOLA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY REQUIRE
RATHER LARGE U.S. DELEGATION OF EXPERTS, AND WE BELIEVE
TALKS WOULD BE MUCH SIMPLER IN THIS RESPECT IF HELD IN
WASHINGTON. GOVERNORS AND OTHER LOCAL EXPERTISE COULD
COME TO WASHINGTON IF NECESSARY. COMMUNICATIONS IN BVI
COULD ALSO BE A PROBLEM.

4. DEPT. FLEXIBLE ON DATES FOR DISCUSSIONS. A FEW DAYS
DURING THE WEEK OF EITHER MAY 9 OR MAY 16 ARE POSSIBLE
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DATES FOR TALKS, AND THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH UK
EMBASSY OFFICIALS, WHO INDICATED THAT THIS TIME FRAME
WOULD BE GENERALLY AGREEABLE.
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